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FORESTS ARE ABLAZE

VILLAGES IN DANGER

Upper Willamette Valley
Swept by Fierce
Flames.

MANY ARE LEFT DESTITUTE

In Addition to Fires Reported Yesterday
the Country East and West of Eugene
Is Ablaze—Entire Population of
Threatened Districts Fighting Flames.

Portland, Sept. 2.—Reports from Willamette valley points are to the effect that heavy damage is being occasioned by the forest fires now raging in the various sections. In addition to two reported yesterday from the neighborhood of Albany, which destroyed several farm houses as well as much timber, there are several fires to the east and west of Eugene which bid fair to inflict heavy losses unless they are put under control at once.

Salem, Ore., Sept. 2.—Private advices from Mill City, situated upon the line between Marion and Linn counties, indicate that the little town of Gates is directly in the path of a raging forest fire, which was started from the burning of slashings upon the place of a man named Welch, and, unless kind Providence interferes, is threatened with destruction. Another fire was started south of the town of Mill City, only a mile distant, and this, with the strong south wind which prevailed this morning, looked serious for that community at last reports. The fire west of Mill City and on what is known as Potato mountain, near Minto, up to noon today had covered a distance of about four miles, and was within a half mile of Gates. The Santiam river lies between, however, and there is strong hope that the progress of the flames will be checked when they reach the stream.

Fires are numerous in the Grants Pass district, but so far have caused but small loss, as they have been confined to brush, slashings or second growth trees.

Owing to the dryness of the season and the density of the underbrush which has grown up over the land where the timber has been logged off, nothing but a heavy rain can quench the flames. The atmosphere around Albany, 40 miles from the fires, and at Eugene, is dense with smoke, which hangs over the city like a pall.

Portland, Sept. 2.—A message received tonight from Albany states that the fires near that place are thought to be under control and that there is a good

TAFT ADVISED NOT TO VISIT CANTON

Hong Kong, Sept. 2.—The Transport Logan, with Secretary of War Taft and party on board, arrived here this morning.

Owing to the unpleasant anti-American demonstrations and the display of posters in Canton there were lengthy arguments as to whether the party should go to Canton or not. Consul-General Bragg advised that the visit

prospect of rain. The total destruction in this district is six farmhouses, three barns and their contents, besides a considerable area of standing timber, the value of which as yet cannot be estimated.

LEAVES FOR BOISE.

Blaine Phillips, who for some time past has been connected with the Morning Astorian as managing editor, leaves this morning for Boise, Idaho, where he is offered an editorial position on the largest and most influential paper of the state.

Mr. Phillips has made many warm friends while in this city who regret to see him go and wish him every success in his new field of endeavor.

While he has made numerous changes in the paper the most noticeable one was the institution of an electric bell in the office to make the D-1 hurry.

IMPORTANT ARREST MADE.

Arrest Is in Connection With Cases of Several Former Senators.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—An important arrest in connection with the cases against former Senators Bunker, Wright, French and Emmons was made in this city today. The man in custody is Arthur Lee, a negro, one of the cloak-room clerks of the senate at the last session of the legislature. It is alleged that Lee took charge of the marked bills with which the senators are alleged to have been bribed and later succeeded in changing the currency into gold.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Los Angeles, Sept. 2.—An unusually heavy earthquake shock was experienced here at 9:40 o'clock tonight. The disturbance was of about six seconds' duration.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD WINS DRYDEN TROPHY.

Ohio Wins First Prize, New Jersey Second, While the U. S. Army Is Third.

Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 2.—This, the final day of the great military rifle shoot here, was given over exclusively to the Dryden trophy match. The competition was open to teams of eight members each from the infantry and cavalry branches of the army, navy, marine corps, military academy, naval academy and the national guard of several states and territories including the District of Columbia. The match was won by Ohio, with a grand total of 979 points out of a possible 1,200. New Jersey, which captured the trophy last year, took the second prize today with a total of 956 points. The third prize went to the infantry team of the United States army with a score of 938.

WILL NOT WITHDRAW BONUS.

Santa Fe System Will Not Grant Blacksmiths' Demands.

Tokepa, Kan., Sept. 2.—General Manager J. Hurley of the Santa Fe today stated that the company would not withdraw the bonus system from the blacksmith shops before October 1, or at any other time. If the blacksmiths adhere to their ultimatum, which was issued yesterday, General Manager Hurley's statement means that the men will walk out on October 1.

RIOTING IS FEARED

HOSPITAL THREATENED

Governor Sends Arms—
Will Protect Feuer
Fighters.

REPORTS ARE FAVORABLE

Dr. C. L. Horton at Patterson Telegraphs That Italians Threaten to Destroy Emergency Hospital and Governor Orders Building Protected.

New Orleans, Sept. 2.—In a telegram to the state board of health today Dr. C. L. Horton, representing the board at Patterson, sent the news of the ugly situation which prevails there, involving threats against the Emergency hospital, and perhaps of harm to those fighting the disease. Dr. Horton wired that the fever fighters are having trouble, and rioting by the Italians is feared.

Governor Blanchard has directed Dr. Horton to protect the hospital under all circumstances and arms will be sent to him for that purpose. Favorable reports on the yellow fever situation, both in the city and country again rule today. The official report up to 6 p. m. is as follows: New cases 37, total 1,995; deaths 3, total 264; new foci 10; cases under treatment 338; cases discharged 1,373.

The reports of new cases from the country that are still discouraging are as follows: Patterson 2, Kenner 2, Hudson City 2, Prospect Plantation 3, St. Rose 4, Alexandria 1, Lafayette 1, Lake Providence 1, Terre Bonne Parish 9, Gulf Port 8, Natchez 1.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 2.—The summary of the yellow fever situation in Mississippi as given by the federal authorities today is as follows: Gulf Port 8, Vicksburg 1, Pearlinton 2, Natchez 1, Mississippi City 2.

ACCIDENT ENRAGES PASSENGERS

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—An accident took place tonight on the Kentucky Street Electric railway. As the car was rounding a curve near Twenty-fourth street the speed attained was so great that the gripman lost control and the car left the tracks. Most of the passengers were thrown off and four were badly injured. The uninjured passengers were so incensed that they sought to wreak vengeance on the trainmen and the conductor was badly beaten. The gripman sought safety in flight and escaped to the car house.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

Parties Accused of Attempting to Defraud Government Are Indicted.

Portland, Sept. 2.—Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury late today against Willard N. Jones, Thaddeus S. Potter, Ira Wade, John Doe, Richard Roe, Herman K. Finch and Bert Blauvelt on charges of attempting to defraud the United States of part of the Siletz Indian reservation in Western Oregon. The statute of limitations would have barred the proceedings had the indictments not been returned today.

RUSSIAN EMPEROR MEETS SHAH OF PERSIA.

Great Preparations Made for Persian Ruler's Reception.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—The Shah of Persia arrived at Peterhof today, where he was met by the emperor, a number of grand dukes and other nobles, among whom was Count Lamsdorf, the Russian minister of war.

Great preparations have been made for the reception of the Persian ruler, a Persian flag being prominently displayed at every house in the city.

Some of the finest bodies of Russian troops are assembled at St. Petersburg, where they will be reviewed by the two rulers.

The presence of this splendid body of troops in the city at this time is a part of a prearranged plan to impress the shah with the idea that though Russia has met many reverses in the late war she is still a great military power.

REFUSE TO RESIGN.

Government Printers Are Requested to Resign, but Refuse to Do So.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Public Printer Palmer has requested the resignation of Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of the printing, and L. C. Hay, foreman of the job division of the government printing office, basing his action upon their alleged continued acts of insubordination. Both the officials refused to comply with the request on the ground that they are not required to do until furnished specific instances of insubordination and are given sufficient opportunity to reply as is required by the civil service regulations.

EPIDEMIC SPREADING

Cholera Sweeps Over Germany
Into Prussia and Austria.

The Ruchsaner Officially Announced That Four Hundred and Thirty Cases Had Appeared Up to Noon Yesterday—Government Is Alarmed.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—The deadly plague of Asiatic cholera is sweeping over Germany from the country's eastern borders. The Reichsanzeiger officially announced this morning that 430 cases of cholera and 17 deaths had occurred in Germany up to noon today. The health

authorities of the government are taking every precaution to check further spread of the epidemic. The ministry of the interior has issued a notice assuring the public that there is no reason for anxiety, but it is apparent that there is alarm even in government circles.

The institution of infectious diseases will be open all night examining the secretions taken from the digestive tubes of persons who have died under circumstances suggesting cholera. From time to time couriers arrive from some part of Germany with portions of bodies done up hermetically.

Landesberg, Prussia, Sept. 2.—The schools here have been closed on account of cholera.

Vienna, Sept. 2.—The Abdel Post reports two cases of illness that is thought to be cholera has been discovered in the Commune Crodzisko, Galicia.

Weischel, Silesia, Sept. 2.—The existence of cholera in two different districts of Galicia has been confirmed by medical investigation. The first five fatal cases occurred in the village of Padewarnado in the district of Miedco Tannowest, and the sixth case was discovered in the village of Grodzisko, in the district of Lancutt. The local authorities fear a spread of the epidemic, as boatmen in floats are coming uninterruptedly down the Vistula river from the infected Prussian districts.

LAST POINT SETTLED

ENVOYS' WORK DONE

Nothing Remains But Ratification By Respective
Employees.

MANCHURIA TO BE EVACUATED

Treaty Consists of Seventeen Articles—Both Parties Bind Themselves Not to Fortify Sakhalin and Laprouse Strait Remains Open.

Portsmouth, Sept. 2.—The last point in the dispute concerning the treaty of Portsmouth was arranged at a meeting of the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries, which ended at 11 o'clock tonight. As the plenipotentiaries emerged from M. Witte's room, where the conference was held, Baron de Rosen was asked if the final agreement had been reached. He did not answer.

"Will there be a meeting tomorrow?" "No," he replied. "There is no necessity for one; the clerks can do the rest."

With that exception the text was completed this afternoon at the conference in Baron Komura's room, and it is barely possible it can be signed Monday.

It is understood that the treaty consists of 17 articles, which are preceded by a short preamble. The treaty is not to be engrossed by the two caligraphers sent here by the state department.

At the last moment it was decided to have the attaches of the two missions to perform the work.

The articles relating to non-fortification of Sakhalin and Laperouse straits bind themselves not to fortify the island. The Laprouse strait is to be "open," and Japan agrees not to erect works to command the strait. The article relating to the evacuation of Manchuria provides that the troops, immediately upon the exchange of the final ratifications, are to be withdrawn respectively to the lines of Mukden and Harbin, and the number of "railway guards" in ordinary times is limited, but the provisions are made for the dispatch of troops for protection of the line in case of disorders, upon the condition that they be immediately withdrawn when their mission is finished.

There are said to be four "annexes" to the treaty covering matters which could not be elaborated in the treaty itself.

REQUISITION PAPERS ISSUED.

Authorities of Illinois Want Wife Murderer Captured at Baker City.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 2.—Governor Dineen today issued a requisition on the governor of Oregon for the return to Peoria of Albert Glassford, who is under arrest at Baker City, Ore., on a charge of murder. It is alleged that on his wife.

April 28, 1904, Glassford shot and killed

COSTLY DOCK FIRES CAUSED BY INCENDIARY

Portland, Sept. 2.—The Oregon Railway & Navigation company has reason to believe that the costly dock fires of yesterday were purposely set. A man believed to be an incendiary was seen by a small boy just before the fire, under the portion of the dock in which the fire originated. The boy says the man carried an armful of paper and in a

ENVOYS REFUSE INVITATIONS

New York, Sept. 2.—Owing to the early date on which they have planned their departure from this country, the peace plenipotentiaries are unable to accept, without qualifications, the invitation to the reception to be given by the chamber of commerce of New York. The envoys had been asked to name a date convenient for themselves after September 18.

PASSES UNEVENTFUL DAY.

President Transacts Only Routine Business—No Callers Received.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 2.—Since the sessions of the peace conference began at Portsmouth no week day has been passed by the president more evenly than today. Considerable official business was brought to his attention by Secretary Loeb, but it was principally of a routine character. No callers on business were received.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Sept. 2.—Portland 10, Oakland 3.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—San Francisco 4, Seattle 2.

Tacoma, Sept. 2.—Tacoma 3, Los Angeles 11.

TERRORIST RUNS AMUCK

Burns Farmhouses, Shoots at Men
and Women.

After Three Days of Terror Posses
Come in Sight of Him and Grimly
Watch Crazed Man Shoot Himself
Through the Head to Prevent Capture.

Lorain, O., Sept. 2.—On the point of capture by a sheriff's posse, Peter Pitts, the man who has terrorized the countryside from Avon beach to Lorain for three days, is dead by his own hands. He shot himself in the head today in full view of a band of armed farmers who were pursuing him and sank dead upon the ground. The three days in which he ran amuck through a territory many miles in extent, firing upon men and women, burning farm houses and driving the population from their homes to places of safety in the city, is marked as one of the strangest and most sensational episodes in the history of the county.

On Friday night 500 men patrolled the high roads waiting for Pitts, with their guns cocked and loaded. The climax came when word was received that Pitts, still armed and raving, had been seen at his grandfather's home at French Creek. Thither a posse of 100 men galloped. At a turn in the road they saw Pitts in the distance and they formed in line, ready to fire. He turned and watched the squad a moment, then drew a revolver, vaulted the fence and while the posse grimly watched him he shot himself four times and fell a corpse.

threatening manner ordered him to clear out. No locomotive had passed the docks for an hour and no fire was kept in the dock. These facts, together with the circumstances that this was the third mysterious fire to occur at that place within ten days' warrants the company in asserting that it was caused by a firebug.